

UNIVERSAL SOFT REMOTE CONTROL

Abstract

A universal remote control **(10)** is provided for wireless remote control of one or more devices **(D1 ... Dn)** equipped for remote control by respective original remote controls having visual appearances different from one another. The universal remote control **(10)** includes: a memory **(40)** that stores one or more descriptions associated with one or more original remote controls that are selectively emulated by the universal remote control **(10)**, the descriptions including information describing the visual appearances of the original remote controls that the descriptions are associated with; and, a graphical user interface **(20)** upon which is displayed a representation of one of the original remote controls selected for emulation by the universal remote control **(10)**, the representation having a visual appearance substantially the same as the original remote control being emulated.